

relatives. She spent a lifetime engaged in political consulting and nonprofit projects such as lupus research and the Jewish Home for the Aging.

Marlene worked tirelessly to improve California and serve those most in need. She was also well known and loved throughout L.A.'s Jewish community for her civic activism and support for Israel.

Marlene was renowned for mentoring an amazing number of our political leaders on how to serve constituents with honor and commitment. Up to the last week of her life, she threw herself into the cause of supporting candidates. She believed in the commandment of Tikkun Olam, that she must leave the world better than she found it. It is undeniable that she left those who knew her better off for having known her.●

REMEMBERING ANTONIO GONZALEZ

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, written by his children.

The material follows:

Beloved Antonio Gonzalez made his transition the night of December 30, 2020. Born in Calera in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico on March 30, 1964, he was the eldest of four children born to Antonio Gonzalez and Antonia Del Villar. The Gonzalez family spent their early years living with Antonio's maternal grandparents in a small town in Calera. Antonio shared fond memories of times spent on his grandparent's abundant ranch. He described what seemed to him an endless landscape of rolling hills, trees, livestock and horses (his favorite).

Hard times fell on the young family around the time Antonio turned eight. A sudden regime change resulted in his dad losing his job, forcing them to set their sights "north" in search for work and a better life. Their trek north ended in what was (at the time) a small dusty town just south of the California border. It was there, in Tecate, BC where he and his three siblings, Antonio (Tony Chico), Margarita and Maria de la Luz were raised and attended school. But, with a lack of good paying jobs, times remained tough in Tecate. Antonio recalled working odd-end jobs throughout his childhood and adolescence; a shoe shiner, sweeper—anything to help ensure that there was food on the table.

As a young adult, Antonio set his sights on completing the journey north—to the U.S. In 1971, shortly after marrying Florentina "Nina" Herrera, he made his way to Los Angeles. They settled in the San Fernando Valley—a sleepy suburb of LA at the height of rock and roll, disco, and bell bottoms.

Antonio worked just about anywhere where hard work was needed—maintenance work at a convalescent hospital, landscaping, you name it. But his fate would change when he landed a job at a large construction company. I'm not sure what it was about "construction" that he loved. Perhaps it was the job stability or the early start to the day where he could greet the sunrise on his drive into downtown. Or maybe it was the art of building—the satisfaction of erecting a structure where only a plot of land existed—a tangible outcome only accomplished by hard work and sweat. Over the years, he had become somewhat of an infrastructure historian, recalling with such clarity the

buildings he helped build and rehabilitate in the San Fernando Valley, Downtown LA, Santa Monica, and Malibu.

He dedicated most of his life to erecting buildings and homes, whether for work or building homes for his family both in the San Fernando Valley and in Tecate, BC. Antonio built his family home, simple and unpretentious yet on a solid foundation with strong bones. In fact, as time would prove, there's nowhere else his family would prefer to be in an earthquake but under the protection of those strong beams hammered together with pride and affection. Even in his retirement years, Antonio never stopped building.

Antonio was a great provider for his family. Through his hard work and dedication, he showed his children that the true American dream could be achieved—of buying a home, raising a family and ensuring a better future for the next generation.

He is survived by his wife, "Nina", son David, daughter Maria Ines and son-in-law Jose, daughter Sandra and son-in-law James, son Cristian and grandchildren Javier, Sienna and Julian. Siblings Antonio, Margarita and Maria de la Luz and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Antonio Gonzalez and mother, Antonia Gonzalez Del Villar.●

REMEMBERING JOE "PINOY" LOZANO

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the life of Mr. Joe Lozano.

Joe "Pinoy" Lozano was born on December 26, 1934, in Pacoima, CA, as one of 10 children. Joe had every job you can imagine. He shined shoes and worked in the fields as a young boy. He joined the U.S. Marine Corp in 1954 and served during the Korean war as an infantryman.

After the service, he married the love of his life, Virginia. They were married for 60 years and had 6 children, 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Joe was a community-oriented person. After his family, his community came first. He painted over graffiti, he helped beautify the streets, and he even mowed the grass on the center divider of his street when the city was too busy to do it.

Joe worked as a prop maker for the studios for many years. He had tons of stories, and he loved his job. He retired, went back to work, and only stopped again to care for his wife when she became ill.

Since 2004, Joe worked with the annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade organizing committee so that Veterans could be honored on Veterans Day.

He will be missed by many.●

RECOGNIZING VERMONT MEALS ON WHEELS

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary work of Vermont's Meals on Wheels Programs.

Each March, we celebrate March for Meals to draw attention to the incredible work of Meals on Wheel through-

out the country, including in my home State of Vermont. All across our State, hundreds of volunteers regularly deliver freshly cooked, nutritious meals to thousands of older people in their homes, many of whom otherwise might not have enough to eat. These volunteers play a critically important role in helping ensure that older Vermonters have access to adequate nutrition. In and of itself, that is no small matter.

In a typical year, Meals on Wheels volunteers do so much more than delivering meals. These volunteers provide critical social interaction for the people they visit, which goes a long way to combat the effects of isolation that many Vermonters face, especially in rural areas. Without this social interaction, seniors are more likely to have feelings of loneliness and depression, which puts them at higher risk for dementia, chronic disease, falls, and hospitalization. Their regular visits serve another purpose as well. The volunteers know each person they visit and recognize immediately if something does not seem right. It is no exaggeration to say that volunteers have literally saved Vermonters' lives by following up when no one answers the door, taking the time to discover that someone had fallen and been injured.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers—both new and existing—stepped up to deliver over 1 million meals to over 7,500 Vermonters. This represents a 30-percent increase in the number of meals and almost a 20-percent increase in the number of people receiving meals through this vital Federal program. At a time when so many Vermonters struggled with the dual hardship of loneliness and hunger cause by the COVID-19 pandemic, Meals on Wheels served as a critical lifeline.

In addition to the many Meals on Wheels volunteers throughout Vermont, I also want to recognize and thank the caring and dedicated professionals who run Vermont's Meals on Wheel Programs. From the chefs who prepare the nutritious meals with skill and care, to the program staff who ensure that everything runs smoothly, these Vermonters are the backbone of what makes Meals on Wheels the success that it is. In March, when so much of our State shut down due to the pandemic, these dedicated people immediately pivoted to expand Meals on Wheels and ensure that any older Vermonter who wanted a meal could get one. This was particularly important for all those who had previously relied on congregate meal programs, which were unsafe during the pandemic.

Together, every single Meals on Wheels volunteer and staff person forms an indispensable link in our social safety net and has my sincere appreciation for their remarkable work. As more and more Vermonters are now vaccinated and the State begins a careful reopening, following the science and ensuring the safety of all our people, I look forward to a day when I and

my Vermont staff can once again visit the Meals on Wheels Program and meet the volunteers and recipients in person.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 13, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to "Update of Commission's Conciliation Procedures", and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Jacky Rosen, Alex Padilla, Ron Wyden, Tammy Baldwin, Richard Durbin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Sherrod Brown, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Robert Menendez, Patty Murray, Debbie Stabenow, Benjamin L. Cardin, Brian Schatz, Christopher A. Coons, Jeff Merkley, Jack Reed, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Duckworth, Mazie Hirono, Amy Klobuchar, Patrick J. Leahy, Elizabeth Warren, Charles E. Schumer, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tina Smith, Cory A. Booker, Bernard Sanders, John W. Hickenlooper, Ben Ray Lujan.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to "Update of Commission's Conciliation Procedures".

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 963. A bill to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1868. An act to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-651. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2021" (RIN2501-AD97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-652. A communication from the Congressional Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Netting Eligibility for Financial Institutions" (RIN7100-AF48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-653. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the Take of Migratory Birds; Delay of the Effective Date" (RIN1018-BD76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-654. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Arkansas Regional Haze and Visibility Transport State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 10019-63-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-655. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of the Detroit SO₂ Nonattainment Area Plan" (FRL No. 10021-50-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-656. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS Second Maintenance Plan for the Centre County (State College) Area" (FRL No. 10021-28-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-657. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of the Rhinelander SO₂ Nonattainment Area Plan" (FRL No. 10021-23-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-658. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Area for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; South Coast Moderate Area Plan and Reclassification as Serious Nonattainment for the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 10019-97-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-659. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test Methods and Performance Specifications for Air Emission Sources; Correction" (FRL No. 10018-97-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-660. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Arkansas Regional Haze and Visibility Transport State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 10019-63-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-661. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) for fiscal year 2019"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-662. A communication from the Senior Director of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, other materials required to accompany Amtrak's Grant and Legislative Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 114. A resolution commending the United States African Development Foundation on the occasion of its 40th anniversary for creating pathways to prosperity for underserved communities on the African continent through community-led development.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

* Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

* Coast Guard nomination of Jerry L. Smith, to be Commander.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

* Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.